

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application: Ning Wei   | ) | Examiner: Jacqueline A. DiRamio |
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| Title: Method of Reducing the | ) |                                 |
| Sensitivity of Assay Devices  | ) |                                 |

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2008, please refer to the following remarks:

A **Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper for the Examiner's convenience.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.